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FOLNG SENT NEW DELHI INFO BOMBAY AND CALCUTTA, COLOMBO  
FROM MADRAS DTD FEB 5.

QUOTE: MADRAS 0222

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, IN

SUBJECT: NEW WAVE OF ARRESTS IN TAMIL NADU

THERE HAS BEEN A NEW SURGE OF ARRESTS IN TAMIL NADU SINCE MID-DAY YESTERDAY (FEBRAURY 4) FOLLOWING WHAT APPEARED TO BE A LEVELING OFF IN THE PREVIOUS TWENTY-FOUR HOURS. ACCORDING TO OUR POLICE SOURCES, 1405 PERSONS HAVE BEEN ARRESTED SINCE YESTERDAY, ALMOST ALL OF THEM IN MADURAI, TRICHY, AND TIRUNEL-CDLI DISTRICTS AND ALMOST ALL IN THE "ANTISOCIAL ELEMENT" RATHER THAN THE "POLITICAL" CATEGORY. OF THE FIVE IDENTIFIED IN THE POLITICAL CATEGORY THREE ARE FROM CONGRESS (O) AND INCLUDE THE GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE ANTI-MERGER TNCC(O), THE PRESIDENT OF THE ANTI-MERGER CONGRESS (O) WOMEN'S FEDERATION, AND A MEMBER OF THE CONGRESS (O) WORKING COMMITTEE. THE OTHER TWO ARE DMK. ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCES, FURTHER LARGE SCALE ARRESTS ARE PLANNED IN ADVANCE OF MRS. GANDHI'S FEBRUARY 13-15 VISIT TO THE STATE. WE CONTINUE TO RECEIVE REPORTS THAT POLICE ARE EXERTING PRESSURE ON DMK AND ANTI-MERGER CONGRESS (O) MEMBERS IN THE DISTRICTS AND VILLAGES TO DEFECT FROM THEIR PARTIES OR BE ARRESTED. IN THIS CONNECTION, TODAY'S PRESS REPORTS THE RESIGNATIONS FROM

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THE DMK OF ONE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT (VALAMPURI JOHN), TWO

MLAS, AND SIX PARTY WORKERS AND SECRETARIES AT VILLAGE AND TOWN  
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